

BONNYRIGG & LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on 15th October 2009 within Sports Pavilion, King George V Park Bonnyrigg at 1930 hrs

Present: Ian Baxter (Chair) Dorothy Innes (Vice Chair) Elaine Ferguson (Treasurer) George Birrell, Brian Scott, Eddie Ramsay, Ruth Scott, Gilbert Scott, Cameron Scott

In attendance: Councillor Derek Milligan.

Apologies: Councillor Bob Constable, Stewart Renwick.

Welcome: Chairman welcomed all to meeting and commenced proceedings at 1935 hrs.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: were proposed by George Birrell, seconded by Dorothy Innes

Matters Arising:

January Meeting

Pedestrian Crossing-- Lothian Street. As matter was placed in hands of Councillor Aitchison who did not attend meeting, this matter was put forward to await his report.

Action Cllr Aitchison.

March Meeting:

Visit to Police Call Centre:

Two dates, 11th & 12th Nov 2009 were put before council, both dates rejected due to councillors other business on these dates. Further requests will be put to Police.

Action S Renwick.

May Meeting:

Water Fountain: Matter now closed.

September Meeting:

Water Fountain:

It was agreed that the historic society find wording for plaque & B&LCC will fund same.

Financial Report:

Current Account:

As at 15th Oct 2009, £1,291.17p

Previous Balance: £1,256.98p

Debits:

£11.75 Paid to Lothian Transport Services.

£ 47.00p Paid to Lady Haig Poppy Factory (2 Wreaths)

Credits:

£25.00 From adverts from newsletter.

£67.94 From Twinning Account. (Wrong Cheque issued)

Twining Account:

As at 15th Oct 2009 £2,072.56p

Previous Balance: £2,140.31p

Debits:

£67..94p. Paid to Current Account.

Credits:

19p Interest Received on Account.

Police Report:

Unfortunately, no one in attendance at meeting, therefore no report.
S Renwick will attend to this matter at later date.

Midlothian Councillors Report:**Councillor Derek Milligan:**

Lasswade High School — Reported that 36 million pounds funding to build new school, Midlothian to find one third, Scottish Government to add remaining two thirds of this funding.

GS asked if swimming pool to be included, DM stated that depended on costing plans if affordable within budget. ER agreed it was priority.

GB asked when ground testing was to start, DM stated within two weeks.

GB questioned access routes, DM stated that council had looked at buying Staiside building but purchase price prohibitive. He went on to say Bowling Green would go. He also mentioned that O2 were planning erection of phone mast at the precise location so council would be objecting to this development when presented.

IB spoke about hub services being included within development: DM replied all options are being considered and that wide consultation will take place as there won't be the money to put everything people might want into the new premises.

Budget — Councillor Milligan outlined a budget shortfall of approx 6 million pounds for coming year.

Social Work — DM stated that Midlothian would require some Two and three quarter million pounds to upgrade this department to standard required by London Government.

DM Stated cc should write to provost re street naming.

EF enquired about housing at Hopefield, DM stated some 30-35 houses would be available for rent by council.

Planning:

It was noted that the Curitol site in Bonnyrigg High Street had been called in. DM objected due to historic town layout.

Transport:

Nothing to report.

Twinning:

Hopefield Primary School has shown interest in helping.

Newsletter:

Current edition for issue on hand, this showed £30--00p profit due to increased advertising. Many thanks to IB & CS for all hard work put in to make this a success. E Mails received hailing contents and lay out.

Correspondence:

[Newsletter from Esk Valley Trust.](#)

[Association of Scottish Community Councils:](#)

Autumn Journal and notification of conference within Scottish Parliament 14th November 2009. Ballot papers extended until 12th November due to impending postal strike.

[Lothian Community Transport:](#)

AGM, 5th Nov 2009, Guest Speaker Mr K Lawrie, C.E of Midlothian Council.

[NHS Lothian:](#)

Health Link Magazine.

Midlothian Council:

Minutes of Meetings.

Licence application for Beefeater, now closed.

Tyco Electronics:

Planning Application for replacement equipment at J Dennis Yard.

O2: Similar application at Rosewell Road, Bonnyrigg, DM states council will object due to new school access.

AOCB:

GS Will report to cc at next meeting re, Small Grants Fund.

CS Reported that Anvil Inn now open, no football, live music etc.

The council wish the licensee good luck for the future.

DI stated she was unhappy at police not in attendance as she had a point of order to raise with them. SR to follow this up.

IB stated that MARC were about to lose lease on premises owned by SCWS. No details available regarding new site as yet.

DI stated that a similar enterprise now opened at Millars old store, Dalkeith.

Meeting closed at 2135hrs, chair thanked members for their attention.

Next Meeting: 19th November 2009, Sports Pavilion, K G Park at 1930hrs.